

## **Sterigenics Statement Regarding U.S. EPA Ambient Air Monitoring Results**

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Sterigenics is reviewing the U.S. EPA's air monitoring results. The continued variability of concentrations of ethylene oxide (EO) in the results is both inexplicable and inconsistent.

Sterigenics takes its responsibility for controlling the usage of EO and emissions associated with the operation of its Willowbrook facility very seriously. The company has conducted a detailed review of its operations covering the duration of the ambient air monitoring period, including EO usage levels, emission control efficiencies and safety monitoring systems. Based upon that review, Sterigenics is confident that its operations adhered to the stringent standards that are required. The company has found no evidence to suggest that its Willowbrook facility is responsible for the inconsistency and variability in the monitoring results.

The air monitoring results from the EPA and other organizations raise numerous questions, including how apparent EO levels collected in close proximity by different organizations on the same day could show significant variability. Additionally, it is difficult to explain high EO concentration levels when there is absolutely no evidence to support a control failure of any kind at the Willowbrook facility, unless there are other nearby sources of EO or interfering factors.

As the EPA has indicated, there are other sources of EO in Willowbrook unrelated to the Sterigenics facility. We are working with the EPA to better understand how other sources, including diesel generators and truck traffic, among others we know to exist in the area, could impact the air monitoring results. At this time, it remains premature to draw conclusions about the long-term health risks from the data.

Sterigenics is committed to the safety of our employees, the communities we operate in and the patients we serve. By complying with and going above and beyond what the regulations require, the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility safely uses EO and provides a vital service to patients in Illinois and across the country. Sterigenics remains committed to working with regulators, legislators and Illinois public officials to evolve regulations and continuously improve our operations in the ongoing interest of public safety.